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## FIXTURE ALTERATIONS

First of all may we draw your attention to the away fixture to be held at Wigan on Saturday, 4th November. This fixture has a kick-off time at 11.30 a.m. In due course we will be giving details of the coach arrangements for this game.

The other change concerns the home fixture with Bristol Rovers which had been scheduled to take place on Saturday, 16th December. Will all supporters please note that this game will now take place on Friday, 15th December, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Further reminders will be given nearer to the actual date of the game.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

On Tuesday next 17th October we are due to meet Preston North End at Deepdale, coaches will leave Gresty Road at 17.45, the fare bring £4.50.

On Friday, 27th October for the away game at Tranmere Rovers coaches will leave Gresty Road at 18.00 with a fare of £3.00.

Bookings are now being taken for both of these trips and intending travellers are asked to make their bookings as soon as possible.

## WHEN LOSERS CAN BE WINNERS

On match days at Gresty Road sellers are now moving around the fans selling Lottery Tickets and the response to date has been most encouraging. What we are now asking is that those who purchase tickets on match days only and have 'losing' tickets, should return them with their name and address on the back to the sellers. All these will then be put into a draw for a number of Complimentary tickets for a further game at Gresty Road.

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# DARIO WRITES

We always knew Bournemouth was going to be tough and Mark's absence and an early injury to Steve Walters again robbed us of some attacking options. Once again our defence coped very well and we might even have won the game by the end. A good bonus for me was Aidan Murphy's best display of the season.

Our display at Swansea was by far the biggest disappointment to date, and will I hope be the biggest disappointment of the season. The problems we had off the field got us off to a bad start, and from thereon things only got worse. There have been several varied reports, none accurate because no-one knew all the facts until Monday. I decided against any comment until I knew exactly what had happened, and as I think our supporters, especially those who travelled, have a right to know, I will give a brief outline of events.

We were due to leave at 9.30 a.m. and it was about then we received a message from the Police saying that Aidan and Jason would be half an hour late as they had broken down and were waiting for the garage to get out to them. I sent the coach on and went to Stapeley Motors for my car as they were going to do some work on it. I doubted the accuracy of the half hour estimate and at about 10.15 a.m. we started trying to contact Aaron Callaghan who was due to play in Manchester for the reserves. We had trouble reaching him, but at 10.40 or so we told him to drive to Junction 16 of the M6 where I would be waiting. Marilyn in the office had managed to contact the garage which had gone out to the boys and we were told that they had sent them on their way at 10.30 approximately. I thought they would drive on to Swansea, but I feared they might have a problem with the car which might re-occur. Consequently I felt that we might be alright with the two lads, but that Aaron was good insurance although I also knew it would be touch and go getting him there by 3.00 p.m., as we had not left until 11.45 a.m.

I was in contact with Marilyn by my portable phone, and the coach had also stopped to phone the office so they also knew what was happening. As we approached 2.15 p.m., the time we had to hand team sheets in, I phoned Pat Slack at Swansea, really expecting to hear that Aidan and Jason had arrived by car. When I heard they had not, I decided to count them out if they did not arrive by 2.15 p.m. and to name Craig and Aaron. We always travel with one spare player, in this case young Martin Disley, so Aaron would either start or be substitute depending upon when we got there.

As you know, the two lads didn't get there because the message we received initially was not the one they said they had sent, and they were expecting us to go and pick them up, somewhere between junction 17 and 18 where they had broken down. Had I known where they were I would gladly have done so. Anyway, they didn't make very good decisions from thereon in and I have fined them for failing to get to the game which I feel was their responsibility regardless of problems. We allow 1½ hours between arrival time and kick-off which allows for any such problems. They are young and relatively inexperienced but I hope we have all learned enough from this for it not to happen again.

Despite this, the inclusion of Aaron Callaghan and Craig Hignett for Aidan and Jason should not greatly affect the team, and the players who played in the game could and should have done better. The events should not have had a detrimental effect. We arrived ½ hour before the kick-off at Hartlepool a couple of years ago and won 6-0, and then last year we arrived late at Wigan in an Outward Bound bus after our coach had broken down and won that game 1-0.

We played badly at Swansea and failed to pass the ball well and failed to work hard enough to support the player who had the ball. Our game is based on passing and support, and if we don't do that well we will have to defend all game.

In the past we have overcome these poor displays and I'm sure last Saturday will spur our players on to greater efforts today. Thank you for your support!



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## CREWE ALEX SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION - SPONSORS OF THE ALEX FOR FIRST TEAM COACH TRAVEL - SEASON 1989/90

Welcome to today's game with Bolton Wanderers. So far this season, we seem to be battling against all the elements on and off the field. Hopefully before too long things will start to sort themselves out and we can get back to winning ways.

Following the home game against Brentford a number of people have made complaints over the decision to close the gates on the popular side of the ground before the game had got under way. Some supporters had to go round to the paddock where they were then admitted. What puzzled a lot of supporters was the fact that the total attendance at the game was under 4,000 which is not up to the total allowed in the ground.

In the local paper one supporter wrote in on the same subject and the explanation given is that the number of spectators allowed into the popular side of the ground has been set at a specific number under the safety regulations and once that total has been reached then there is no alternative but to close the turnstiles. Once the Railway End of the ground is reopened that should alleviate the present difficulties for the last thing that any club wants to do is turn customers away. However, should any members of the Association have any specific difficulties would they please contact us.

Now to other items of news, firstly don't forget to call in the offices for the latest copy of the newsletter, they are ready for collection. The draw has been made for this year's Rothmans Quiz, our team has been drawn against Runcorn once more. The tie over two legs must be completed by the 6th November, we will let you know the date of the home leg.

Finally, we have not as yet been able to arrange the Forum with the Football Club as we had been hoping but members can be assured that we will keep you fully informed through this column and in the local press. Thank you for your continued support in all our ventures.

BRIAN SMITH

## JUNIOR ALEX NEWS

The photograph clearly shows the friendly side of football with Crewe fan Christopher Walley exchanging pennants with a Shrewsbury Town fan when the Junior Alex visited Gay Meadow recently.

Today we welcome Bolton Junior Supporters to Gresty Road both to play us at football and then to watch the game. Next weekend when we play Rotherham we shall be organising a similar type of event, more details will be given out at our training sessions. Keep up your excellent support.





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# In my VIEW



It was perhaps no surprise to followers of football when the Dutch club, Ajax of Amsterdam were banned from European Competitions for a period of at least two years after a missile throwing incident in their game against Austria Vienna. The number of incidents of trouble at grounds in Holland has been increasing in recent times, this in a country where an Identity Card System for some clubs was introduced but then abandoned as being a failure.

In our own country the question of the compulsory I.D. Cards will be very much to the fore after Parliament reassembles for it is expected that the third and final reading of the Bill will be passed. Despite the considerable number of petitions which have been submitted and the balanced views of clubs and official supporters bodies in this country which have been sent to the Minister of Sport it does not seem to have made the slightest difference to its enforcement.

Recent opinion polls have clearly shown that whereas at one time the percentage of those in favour of the I.D. Scheme were on the Government's side that the present figures do not now reflect this and in view of this downward trend it may be the opportune time to contact your local Member of Parliament just to see whether even at this late stage that either the bill can be defeated or at least delayed for some time. Clubs such as Crewe Alexandra and many others like us do not want it to happen so every effort that can be made to oppose it will be done.

Directors of Football clubs have to spend varying amounts of time at the clubs they represent but in recent times, the Directors of Manchester United Football Club have been spending much more time at Old Trafford than they would have expected to, over the takeover deal that everyone had thought had been settled earlier in the season. With other names now being mentioned as being some of Mr. Knighton's backers the issue becomes more complicated day by day. As one paper recently reported, whether you love Manchester United or hate them because of their success that the sooner the off the field worries can be put on one side then the earlier the club can get back to the serious business of getting the results on the field of play. Many others will heartily endorse those comments.

For those of you who attempt to keep up to date with the various name changes both in League and Cup competitions, you will recall that we recently advised you that the Sherpa Van Trophy has been renamed the Leyland DAF Cup well you can add another to the list. What was known last season as the Simod Cup has for this season become the Zenith Cup.

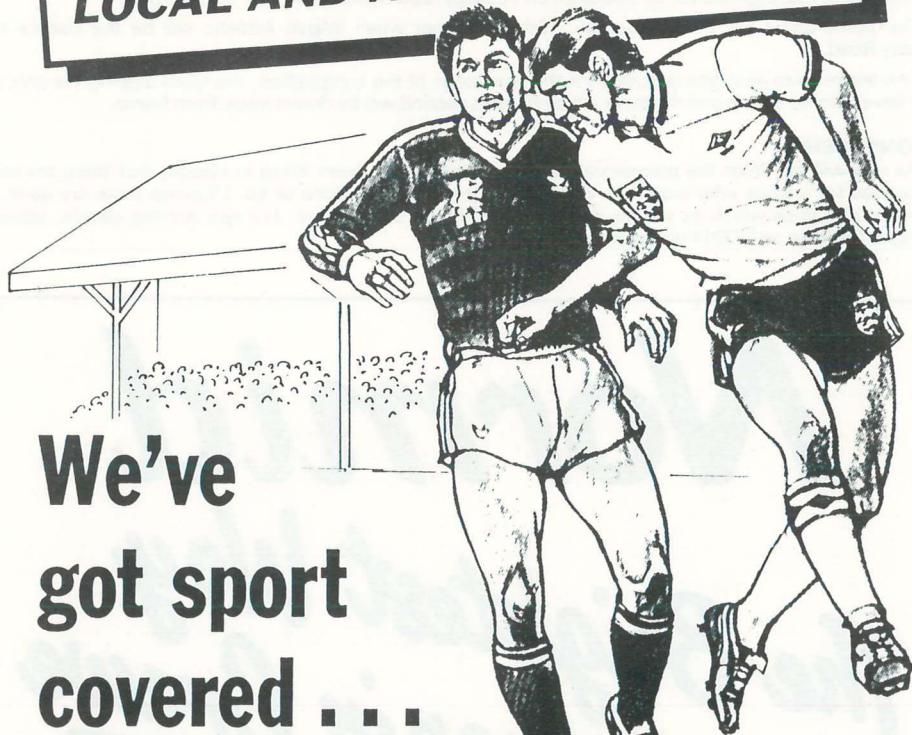
Will the revelation that Bryan Robson's recovery from injury so quickly had been the result of a visit to a faith healer persuade other footballers with injuries that do not clear up to also make such visits. There have been stories in the past of teams having been visited by hypnotists before important cup ties, whether they are all true or false is to some extent immaterial but it does at least provide a talking point.

By the time these notes are read the important game between Poland and England will have taken place, where a win would definitely guarantee England a qualifying place in the next World Cup competition. The game apart, the travelling journalists will no doubt be wondering just how much of their coverage will be taken up by the game or will it be the behaviour of those so called fans, who although discouraged to travel, still do so. Only a blanket ban of reporting other than on the game itself will possibly help to hide what has become an altogether repetitive and distasteful side of football. That it is not just confined to International games is confirmed by the activities of the Birmingham fans the other weekend when they visited Blackpool. Imposing fines does not seem to make the slightest difference in their attitude, that was proved when the Swansea City fans who were jailed in Greece were brought back as the result of collections made by others in their city. So much for justice being carried out.

*Glenold Finch.*

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# *The SECRETARY Writes*

## **MATCH SPONSORSHIP**

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## **LEYLAND DAF CUP**

The above competition, which last season ran under the title of the Sherpa Van Trophy will be getting under way in the not too distant future and in our group in the Northern Area preliminary round ties we have been paired with Bolton Wanderers and Wigan Athletic.

The first of these games will be at Bolton on Tuesday, 28th November, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Our home game will be on Tuesday, 12th December when Wigan Athletic will be the visitors to Gresty Road.

Two teams from each group qualify for the next stage of the competition, the team topping the group will have a home fixture and the team which finishes second will be drawn away from home.

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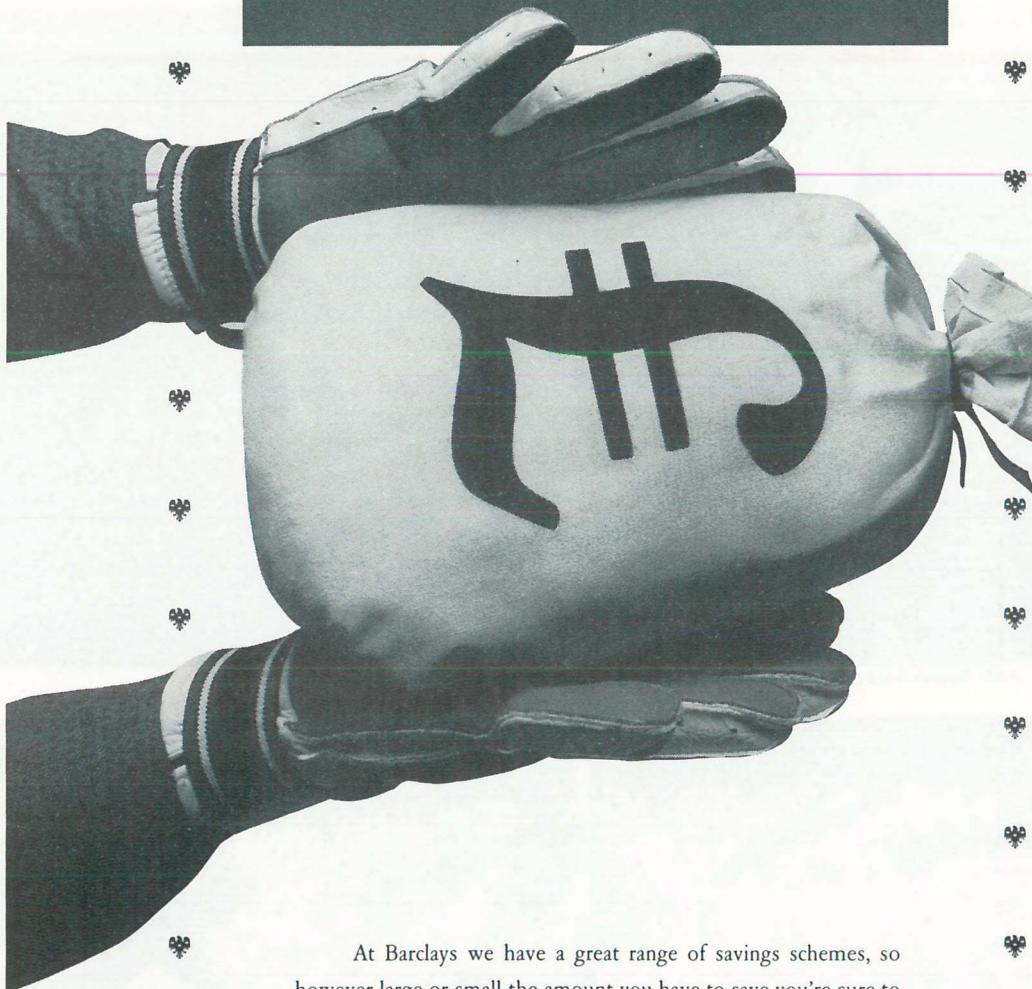
As you will see from the programme, Kit Sponsorship has been filling in steadily but there are still vacancies for anyone who would be willing to sponsor various items of kit. Likewise there are quite a number of games which as yet do not have any Match Ball Donors. For sponsorship details, please contact Gill Palin on 213014 during normal opening hours.

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# BOLTON WANDERERS



## *Their Season so far*

At the commencement of the 89/90 Season there had been some movement in the transfer market, the most significant of these being the transfer of Tony Philliskirk from Preston North End for a fee of £50,000 and also the transfer of David Reeves who came from Sheffield Wednesday, his fee of £60,000 being decided by an F.A. Tribunal.

Bolton had ended the previous season on an unbeaten run and were anxious to continue in that vein. The opening day of the season saw them at Cardiff where goals by Philliskirk on his debut and Darby saw them through. In the Littlewoods Cup they were paired with local neighbours Rochdale, the first of the games being at Spotland where they lost 2-1, Thompson being the scorer in that game.

Home fans had their first opportunity to see them at Burnden Park when Fulham provided the opposition but at the end of what was described as a dour game they had not been rewarded by a single goal, 0-0 being the result and the attendance being 5,524. Next visitors to Burnden were Rochdale for the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup tie and this time the fans were rewarded with plenty of goals, the final scoreline being 5-1 in favour of the home side. Scorers on this occasion were Philliskirk with 2, Reeves, Savage, Cowdrill and Darby. Rochdale had been reduced to 10 men after they had a player dismissed. The gate for this game was down on the previous one, 4,637 attending. The reward for the victory was a second round tie with Second Division Watford with the first leg at home.

Huddersfield away was their next league game and a goal by Crombie gave them a point in a 1-1 draw. Bristol Rovers, the team tipped for promotion were to be the next opponents at home and the attendance was the best so far, 5,913 seeing Reeves getting the all important goal to give them victory. Rotherham away was next in line and it was there at Millmoor that the long unbeaten run came to an end, the margin of defeat being 1-0.

Back to Littlewoods Cup action and the home leg against Watford, the attendance was up once more, by almost 1,000 with 6,856 being present to see them record what proved to be a winning margin. Tony Philliskirk notching both the Bolton goals whereas Watford just got one. Leyton Orient came to Burnden Park and went home defeated, the margin being 2-1 in favour of the home side, Comstive and Philliskirk being their marksmen before a gate of 5,951.

Notts County away saw them defeated for the second time this season, only one goal dividing the teams but the goal by Philliskirk was not enough for Bolton on this occasion. Another home game with Mansfield saw them held to a draw with defender Winstanley getting the Bolton goal. Vicarage Road was the next stop for them and although they did not win the away tie, by virtue of the 1-1 scoreline in the second leg they were through on the aggregate score of 3-2 and they now face a difficult away game at Swindon in the third round. It was the goal from Comstive that put them through.

Last Saturday it was a Lancashire derby game with Wigan Athletic being the visitors and the home side got through 3-2, a penalty from Philliskirk and 2 goals from Darby giving them the points and sending Wigan to the bottom position in the table. The attendance was 6,642. To date 41,110 have seen the games at Burnden Park, the average attendance being 5,877. The marksman to look out for is Philliskirk whose total to date is 8, double the total by the next highest scorer who is Darby with 4.



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# GRESTY ROAD Welcomes

## BOLTON WANDERERS

League meetings between Crewe Alexandra and Bolton Wanderers have been confined to just one on each ground. Those meetings were in Season 87/88 and supporters will recall that the games were switched due to the visitors end at Gresty Road not being ready for the opening day of the season. The game at Burnden Park ended in a 1-1 draw and then in the return game at Gresty Road the Alex won that one 2-1 after a very hard struggle. The clubs did however meet again last season in the Sherpa Van Trophy Semi-Final tie and only lost in extra time after Andy Sussex had put us into the lead during the second half. Bolton went on to defeat Blackpool in the Northern Final and then to lift the trophy at Wembley when they defeated Torquay United in the final tie. In just a few weeks time the clubs will meet again in the renamed DAF Leyland Trophy in the preliminary round, this time the tie will be at Burnden Park. Bolton are Managed by **PHIL NEAL**, who during his playing days had a long and distinguished career with Liverpool.

### MEET THEIR SQUAD

**DAVID FELGATE.** He has been with the club now since 1987 and since returning has been the No. 1 choice keeper. His career had started at Burnden Park as an apprentice but it was during a loan spell with Rochdale that he made his league debut. He also had a loan spell with Crewe before making a permanent move to Lincoln and later to Grimsby Town. He has now made over 400 league appearances during his career.

**KEVIN ROSE.** He cost the club a fee of £20,000 when he signed from Hereford United during the last close season and he has already appeared in the No. 1 spot for Bolton this season. His career started with Ledbury Town before moving to Lincoln for a £10,000 fee. He later moved to Hereford United and in five seasons there he made over 250 consecutive appearances before losing his place. A very able deputy to have on the books.

**PHIL BROWN.** Born in South Shields. He came from Halifax Town in June 1988 for a fee of £17,000 and was the only outfield player to complete maximum appearances for the club last season. His career had started with Hartlepool where he made 200 appearances and also passed the century mark with Halifax. Was appointed club captain early last season, taking over from the injured Mark Came.

**BARRY COWDRILL.** Born Birmingham, his career started with Sutton Coldfield but he then went to West Brom where he spent eight seasons. He came to Bolton in July 1988 and made 38 appearances last season. He had been a midfield player but has been converted to the full back position.

**PAUL COMSTIVE.** A close season signing from Burnley, born in Southport his first club was Blackburn Rovers where he made just a few first team appearances. He then had a short spell with Rochdale before going to Wigan Athletic. A year later he moved to Wrexham where he spent three seasons before moving to Burnley. He made over 200 league appearances for his various clubs.

**DEAN CROMBIE.** Another experienced player who has passed the 400 mark in league appearances. He had previously been with Lincoln City and Grimsby Town before signing for Bolton in June 1987. Scored his first goal for the club in the Sherpa Van Final at Wembley.

**MARK WINSTANLEY.** Born St. Helens. Came through the club's youth ranks and he made his league debut in March 1986. He became a regular in the run in to promotion from the Fourth Division in 1988 and missed only two league games last season. He was the winner of the club's Player of the Year award.

**STUART STORER.** When he moved from Everton on a permanent basis in January 1988 after being on loan it cost the club a fee of £25,000. His career had started with Mansfield Town, that was followed by a spell with Birmingham City and on to Merseyside.

**STEVE THOMPSON.** Born Oldham and is now the club's longest serving professional. He came through the club's youth ranks and made his debut for the club in November 1982. He has played in three different divisions with the club and his appearances have now passed the 250 mark.

**DAVID REEVES.** Born Heswall. His career commenced with Sheffield Wednesday in 1986 but he also had loan spells with Scunthorpe United and Burnley. Last season he made 17 First Division appearances for Sheffield Wednesday and scored twice. He joined Bolton in July, his fee being decided by a tribunal.

**TONY PHILLISKIRK.** Another of the club's close season signings and already the club's leading scorer. Born in Sunderland, his career started with Sheffield United where in his 80 appearances for them he scored 20 goals. Had a spell on loan with Rotherham and then moved to Oldham. From Boundary Park he went to Preston for a £50,000 fee and it took a similar fee to sign him during the Summer.

**JULIAN DARBY.** Bolton born, he joined the club straight from school and is the only Bolton born player in the first team squad. He made his club debut in March 1986 and has proved to be a most versatile player either in the midfield or in a defensive position if required. Has already been amongst the goals this season.

**GARY HENSHAW.** He is now in his third season with the club after signing from his only other league club, Grimsby Town. Has so far made 50 appearances for the club. Last season he was on the transfer list at his own request.

**JEFF CHANDLER.** A midfield player, he began his career with Blackpool before going on to Leeds United. First came to Bolton in 1981 and after making 157 appearances for them he went to Derby County and helped them to gain promotion. Had a loan spell with Mansfield and came back to Bolton in July 1987.

**IAN STEVENS.** Born in Malta, he made his league debut for Preston North End in March 1985 and later played for Stockport County. He signed for Bolton in 1987. Last season played in both the first and reserve teams. Was leading scorer for the reserves.

## BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. — SEASON 1989/90



**BACK ROW (left to right):** Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill. **MIDDLE ROW (left to right):** Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physio.). **FRONT ROW (left to right):** Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager), Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.



## CREWE ALEX SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY UNDER E.T.



From the start of the current term we have a new schools programme and we are now coaching football to the following Junior schools: Offley, Highfields, Nantwich, Wistaston Green, Vine Tree, Beechwood and for the first time we now have visits to two schools at Congleton, Marfields and Quinta. Our area now takes in the whole of South Cheshire.

In addition we are also coaching at Brine Leas School and Nantwich, these sessions will continue until half term and then we will be starting a new group following the restart. In addition to all these coaching sessions we are continuing with our regularly fortnightly tea dances which are always popular.

Springfields School are one of the schools where disabled people are able to take the benefits from our assistance and what with the activities for the over 40's we are kept very occupied. Oaklands School have become very attached to the club, quite a number of the children there now come regularly to the games at Gresty Road.

At half-time today Bolton Junior Whites will be taking on a challenge from one of the local schools, the precise team not being known when these notes are being written. Very shortly all of my staff will be involved in the F.A. Preliminary Coaching badge course at Northwich and we are very hopeful that they will be successful in obtaining this additional qualification.

## MATCH MASCOTS



For Michael Owen, the first of our mascots this afternoon this is a birthday treat, today he celebrates his 8th Birthday. Happily he has recovered from a badly broken arm, that occurred just before that final game at Tranmere and he had to miss it. Luckily all the players and the Manager signed his plaster for him. He attends Brierly Street Junior School and his Alex favourite is Dale Jasper. We all hope he has a day to remember today.

For one of the pupils from Oaklands School at Winsford today will be extra special for one of them will be the other mascot today. Since the pupils from this school attended by pupils with learning difficulties have attended training sessions at Crewe Alex they have formed a special attachment to the club. It has boosted their confidence and this has helped them with all aspects of their work. They have worked hard to also raise the money to sponsor a match ball for today. Whoever the pupil will be to act as mascot they will remember this day for a long time.

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# ACTION REPLAY



Steve Walters gets his marker in knots at Shrewsbury

The lead for the Alex and a first league goal for Craig Hignett at Swansea





# SPOTLIGHT On

## ROB EDWARDS

Born in Manchester, Rob has been playing football right from the age of 8 and he first of all played in the Stockport Under 10 side progressing to the under 11s and through to the under 14's and 15's and he was the captain of the under 14 side. He was invited to come down to Crewe for trials and in 1984 he signed his first forms for Crewe, as a schoolboy.

In the Summer of 1985 he was offered a Y.T.S. place and he was soon to be playing in the 'B' side in the Lancashire League. From the 'B' team he graduated through to the 'A' team and he was to become a member of the Youth side who had that fine run in the F.A. Youth Cup going right through to the quarter final stage. It was during that particular run that he scored the goal that he considers to be the best one to date, that was in the home game against Bury that they won so convincingly, it was also the one that completed his hat trick. He will always remember that night of the replay at Highbury, for although they were beaten he did score our goal there and just to appear in that famous Highbury Stadium was an experience in itself.

He had always wanted to become a professional footballer and his perserverance has enabled him to do so. In all its stages to date he has been given a great deal of encouragement from his parents and particularly from, his father who gets along to see him play whenever possible.

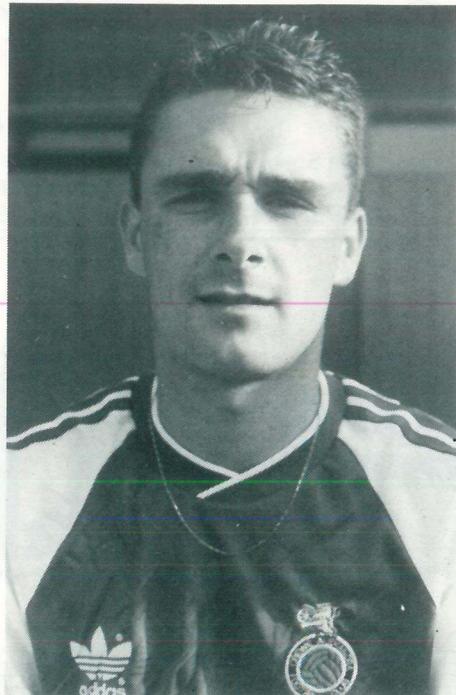
It was not until the 12th December, 1987 that he made his first team debut, in the home fixture against Cardiff City, a game that ended in a draw and then in the next game, an away fixture at Peterborough he was to score our opening goal and his first in league football at London Road in a clear cut 4-0 victory. Since then his opportunities in the first team have been somewhat limited but last season he was on loan to Leek, when he was recalled from them and went into the F.A. Cup tie at Runcorn and he was to score one of our goals there which sent the fans wild. The atmosphere there was also something that he recalls with pride.

At the moment his parents are living in Blackpool and he is staying with his grandmother in Handforth. He has particularly asked that we mention his mother and for a very special reason, for so often when he had been playing the weather was wet and the pitches more often than not very muddy and it was she who had the task of laundering them regularly a task she always did so that he was always turned out well.

His first opportunity in the senior side for the current season came only last Saturday when he was called into the team for the away fixture at Swansea and quite naturally he is hoping that he will have the opportunity to have an extended run in the side, a difficult task with competition for places being so very keen at the moment.

He enjoys listening to music and particularly Dance and Soul Music. If given the choice for his favourite meal he would choose a good steak but admits that before a game he eats very little. There are not so many positions on the field that Rob has not filled so far but for preference he would choose a midfield one as his favourite. A player he has always admired is Glen Hoddle.

He considers that the laws of the game as they stand at the present time are not in need of any radical changes but there are times when he has thought that there has been some inconsistency in the way that the laws have been applied. He is ambitious as any young footballer should be, but until he gets that regular chance will continue to work hard to achieve his aim of regular league football.



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At our last home game against Brentford, we had our first "away" winner of the Golden Goal competitions, Mrs. Brown with ticket number 39. Congratulations and £25.00 to her and also to Vice-President Mike Cooke who won on the previous occasion. Tickets are £1.00 each and are on sale prior to kick-off in the VP Lounge and the Alexandra Centre.

Our next social event is on Thursday, 19th October when we are holding a Race Night in the Alexandra Centre, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £1.50 including buffet and are available from any committee member.

Then on Thursday, 30th November, we move to the Starlight Ballroom at Rolls Royce for our next Sportsman's Evening. Guest speakers are Bernard Manning and former Burnley centre forward Paul Fletcher. Please note that the evening will commence a little later than usual at 8.00 p.m. Tickets will be in great demand so don't leave it to the last minute or you may be too late.

While these events are organised by the VPA they are of course open to all those who support Crewe Alexandra and we hope to see as many as possible at each one. Your support is much appreciated.

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# UPDATE

### Saturday, 30th September: CREWE ALEX 'A' 7 CARLISLE RES. 2

The game was only half a minute old when the Alex took the lead through **Andy Kelsey** when he scored from 12 yards. The second goal came after 38 minutes when, after a bout of interpassing **Phil Holman** got in his telling shot. Just three minutes before the interval it became three up when **Martin Disley** shot a great half volley which completely beat their keeper.

The score at the interval was 3-0 but things changed very rapidly after the interval for within one minute of the restart Carlisle had pulled back the deficit to just 3-2. We recovered from that shock start and some five minutes later it became 4-2, **Birch** being the scorer after Disley had given him the opportunity. They were now playing well and it became 5-2 in the 73rd minute when **Craig Hignett** gained possession and from some 30 yards he spotted that the keeper had come off his line and he calmly chipped the ball over him and into the net. Only three minutes later the margin was widened when good work in the midfield enabled Birch to score, his shot going in off the post. The scoring was completed by **Wayne Jones** when his left foot shot went in off the far post. Team: Greygoose, Thompson, Rennie, Rose, Curran, Jones, Holman, Hignett, Fishenden, Disley, Kelsey. Substitutes: Jones for Disley and Birch for Holman.

### Saturday, 6th October: MANCHESTER UNITED 'A' 2 CREWE ALEX 'A' 0

This game was played at The Cliffe and at half time the scoreline stood at 0-0. The half had belonged to United who had put us under a great deal of pressure but the defence had all played well and kept us in the game. Although chances had been few there had been some which could have produced goals had they been taken.

Six minutes into the second half United took the lead when a collision between two of our players enabled them to scramble the ball in from some eight yards. Despite that reverse at last we started to get our game together and as United had been dominant in the first period it was now Crewe who were taking the initiative. Despite the pressure that we exerted and one missed chance from just five yards out we could not get the ball into the net and it was United from a breakaway who went further ahead late in the game. For the first time this season the 'A' team had failed to score. Team: Greygoose, Rennie, Thompson, Rob Jones, Stewart, Howard, Rose, Maloney, Birch, Jones, Easter. Sub: Rushton for Easter.

### Saturday, 30th September: LIVERPOOL 'B' 3 CREWE ALEX 'B' 0

This proved to be a disappointing performance by the 'B' Team and they were never allowed to get into the game by a Liverpool side who on the day dictated the game and ran out as clear cut and worthy winners.

Team: Williams, Wall, Johansen, Sorvel, Jackson, Howard, Platten, Congerton, Coveley, Fallon, Stewart. Substitutes: Woodward for Platten and Grant for Stewart.

### Saturday, 6th October: CARLISLE UNITED 'B' 3 CREWE ALEX 'B' 1

For this game the 'B' team had to undertake the longest trip of the season to Carlisle and although they had been hopeful of achieving a result this was not to be. They went a goal down in the opening minutes of the game but after 15 minutes **Andy Kelsey** pulled them level. Just before half time Carlisle went ahead for the second time and at the interval the scoreline stood at 2-1. In the second half that was how the score stood until just before the end when Carlisle got a third and by then the hope of any points was out of our reach. Team: Williams, Curtis, Johansen, Sorvel, Wall, Congerton, Kelsey, Holman, Coveny, Cullen, Fallon. Substitutes: Whalley for Curtis and Woodward for Coveny.

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## Date      Opponents

Date	Opponents	F-A	Gate
Aug 19	Birmingham City	A	0.3
	Chester City (LCC 1)	H	1.0
	Reading	H	1.1
	Chester City (LCC 1)	A	1.2
Sept 29	Chester City (LCC 1)	A	1.3
Sept 9	SAT	A	1.4
	Fulham City	A	1.5
	Blackpool	A	1.6
Sept 19	AFC Bournemouth (LCC 2)	H	1.7
	Nottingham Town	A	1.8
	Brentford	A	1.9
	Shrewsbury Town	A	1.10
Oct 30	SAT	A	1.11
	AFC Bournemouth (LCC 2)	A	1.12
	Swansea City	A	1.13
Oct 17	SAT	A	1.14
	Preston North End	H	1.15
	Rotherham United	H	1.16
	Littlewoods Cup 3	WED	1.17
	Tranmere Rovers	A	1.18
Nov. 3	TUE	A	1.19
	Bristol City	A	1.20
	Wigan Athletic	A	1.21
Nov. 10	SAT	A	1.22
	Mansfield Town	H	1.23
	F.A. Cup 1	H	1.24
	SAT	A	1.25
	Bury	A	1.26
Dec. 28	TUE	A	1.27
	Bolton W. (LDC)	A	1.28
	Cardiff City	A	1.29
	F.A. Cup 2	A	1.30
Dec. 9	SAT	A	1.31
	Wigan Ath. (LDC)	H	1.32
	Bristol Rovers	H	1.33
Jan. 30	SAT	A	1.34
	Levton Orient	A	1.35
	Notts County	H	1.36
1990 Jan.	SAT	H	1.37
	Huddersfield T. (FAC 3)	H	1.38
	Reading	A	1.39
Feb. 20	SAT	A	1.40
	Birmingham City	A	1.41
	Fulham (FAC 4)	A	1.42
Feb. 27	SAT	A	1.43
	Northampton Town	A	1.44
Mar. 10	SAT	A	1.45
	Blackpool	H	1.46
	Chester City	H	1.47
	SAT	A	1.48
Mar. 17	SAT	A	1.49
	Cardiff City (FAC 5)	A	1.50
	Bury	A	1.51
Mar. 24	SAT	A	1.52
	Huddersfield Town	A	1.53
	Shrewsbury Town	A	1.54
Mar. 31	SAT	A	1.55
	Brentford (FAC 6)	A	1.56
	Swansea City	A	1.57
Apr. 7	SAT	A	1.58
	Preston North End	A	1.59
	Rotherham United	A	1.60
	Tranmere Rovers	H	1.61
Apr. 10	SAT	A	1.62
	F.A. Cup Semi-Finals	A	1.63
	Bristol City	A	1.64
	Notts County	A	1.65
Apr. 14	SAT	A	1.66
	Walsall	A	1.67
	Bristol Rovers	A	1.68
Apr. 21	SAT	A	1.69
	Leyton Orient	H	1.70
	TUE	A	1.71
Apr. 28	SAT	A	1.72
	Mansfield Town	A	1.73
	Wigan Athletic	SAT	1.74
May 5	SAT	A	1.75
	F.A. Cup Final	A	1.76



Paul Clayton about to get the ball under control at Swansea

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# THIRD Dimension

Tranmere Rovers go marching on and keep their place at the head of the Third Division table. Following the decisive 6-0 victory over Bristol City they followed that up with a 3-0 win over Leyton Orient. In between they defeated Ipswich Town 1-0 before a gate of over 10,000 at Prenton Park to win the tie in the Littlewoods Cup 2-0 on aggregate and now play Millwall in the Third Round, also at home.

If there were a marksman of the week award then it would definitely have gone to Williamson of Rotherham United with hat tricks in two successive home games, the first of these was against Cardiff City and then last Saturday he got another in the very convincing home victory over Birmingham City. The top six teams in the table are all unbeaten at home so far this season but only the leaders Tranmere Rovers have gained maximum points from their home games.

Cardiff City, who had been awaiting their first league victory of the season finally got it, it was a surprise one, winning at Huddersfield, the final goal of the game going to Cardiff with just 7 minutes of the game remaining. Bury became the latest team to record a victory at Sealand Road, the margin being quite a wide one, 4-1 to the Shakers. The attendance at Chester was the lowest in the Division last Saturday, just 2,168 being in attendance.

Shrewsbury Town failed to find the target for the second successive Saturday, in this case it proved costly for their visitors Mansfield Town scored just a single goal through Kent and the Gay Meadow side also lost their previous unbeaten home record. Northampton who had sold Tony Adcock for a fee of £200,000 to Bradford City lost their next home game to Preston North End and another player on the move was Steve Wilkinson of Leicester City who moved to Mansfield Town. Crewe fans will recall that he was on loan to Crewe in the early part of the 88/89 Season.

Finally, when Swansea City played their home tie in the Cup Winners Cup the attendance was 8,364, twice what they had been getting for their league games at the Vetch but that figure was way below what Panathinaikos got in the home leg, the figure being 53,500.

## DIVISION THREE

(as at 10/10/89)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	9	7	0	2	24	6	21
Bristol Rovers	9	6	2	1	11	3	20
Bury	9	5	3	1	17	10	18
Rotherham United	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
Bristol City	9	5	2	2	11	10	17
Bolton Wanderers	9	4	3	2	11	8	15
Fulham	9	4	3	2	9	6	15
Birmingham City	9	5	0	4	13	12	15
Huddersfield Town	9	4	3	2	13	13	15
Shrewsbury Town	9	4	2	3	15	11	14
Notts County	9	3	4	2	12	10	13
Reading	9	2	6	1	12	7	12
Walsall	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
Northampton Town	9	3	2	4	10	10	11
Blackpool	9	3	2	4	9	10	11
Preston North End	9	3	1	5	16	18	10
Mansfield Town	8	3	1	4	5	9	10
Leyton Orient	9	3	0	6	10	15	9
Brentford	9	2	2	5	9	12	8
Crewe Alex	9	2	2	5	13	17	8
Swansea City	8	2	2	4	7	15	8
Chester City	9	1	3	5	9	21	6
Cardiff City	9	1	2	6	8	21	5
Wigan Athletic	9	0	4	5	7	16	4

## Lancashire League Fixtures

### August

19	Burnley 'A'	H	6-1
26	Manchester City 'A'	A	1-4
<b>September</b>			
2	Accrington Res.	A	6-2
9	Rochdale	H	5-1
16	Bolton 'A'	H	5-2
23	Liverpool	A	3-1
30	Carlisle Res.	H	7-2
<b>October</b>			
7	Manchester United 'A'	A	0-2
14	Everton 'A'	H	
21	Preston North End 'A'	A	
28	Blackburn 'A'	H	
<b>November</b>			
4	Preston North End 'A'	H	
11	Marine Res.	H	
18	Morecambe Res.	H	
25	U.M.I.S.T.	A	

### December

2	Marine Res.	A
9	Burnley 'A'	H
16	Manchester City 'A'	H
30	Accrington Res.	H
<b>January</b>		
6	Rochdale Res.	A
13	Bolton 'A'	A
20	Liverpool 'A'	H
27	Carlisle Res.	A
<b>February</b>		
3	Manchester United 'A'	H
10	Morecambe Res.	A
17		
24	Blackburn 'A'	A
<b>March</b>		
17	U.M.I.S.T.	H
31	Everton 'A'	A

# TEAM CHECK

## CREWE ALEXANDRA

Red Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 PAUL EDWARDS
- 2 KENNY SWAIN
- 3 PAUL EDWARDS
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- 8 JEFF CHANDLER
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- 11 JULIAN DARBY
- 12
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